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Encl: (1) Command Organization

(2) Summary of Operations

(3) Documentary Annexes

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3)

are hereby submitted.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

1 - 29 January	Complex Overhaul Philadelphia Naval Shipyard
29 - 31 January	Enroute Mayport
31 January - 17 February	Inport Mayport
17 - 24 February	Weapons Onload - Charleston, SC
25 February - 22 March	Inport Mayport
23 - 25 March	Enroute Roosevelt Roads, PR
2 March - 31 March	Combat Shipboard Systems Qualification Trials
26 March - 8 April	OPS Roosevelt Roads, PR
2 - 4 April	FORACS Roosevelt Roads, PR
9 April	Change of Command
10 - 11 April	Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
11 April - 14 May	REFTRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
17 - 24 May	WSAT Roosevelt Roads, PR
25 - 27 May	Enroute Mayport
28 May - 5 July	Inport Mayport
6 - 9 July	U/W JAX OPAREA (MTT OPPE)
9 - 18 July	Inport Mayport
19 - 21 July	U/W JAX OPAREA
22 - 25 July	Inport Mayport
26 - 27 July	PEB OPPE
28 - 30 July	U/W JAX OPAREA
31 July - 16 August	Inport Mayport
17 - 18 August	U/W JAX OPAREA

Inport Mayport

19 - 20 August

21 - 26 August

27 August - 12 September

13 - 17 September

18 - 24 September

25 September - 24 November

25 November - 31 December

9 - 10 December

U/W JAX OPAREA

Inport Mayport

U/W VACAPES OPAREA

Inport Mayport

Gunnery Improvement Program Final OPEVAL/TECHEVAL

Inport Mayport

Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection

1. Command Organization

a. Commanding Officer:

CDR Norman G. MOSHER, USN 063-26-4357 1 January - 9 April 1976

CDR Glynn Q. LANE, Jr., USN 430-62-0515
9 April - 31 December 1976

b. Homeport

U. S. Naval Station Mayport, FL 32228

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The major portion of the calendar year 1976 saw the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS operating as test platform for the Gunnery Improvement Program, a CNO project which involves the use of an AN/UYK-20 computer, a laser, and a Forward Looking Infra-Red camera to track gunnery system targets. In early 1976, CHARLES F. ADAMS completed a 13 month complex overhaul at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and returned to Mayport, Florida. April through May were devoted to Refresher Training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The summer months were devoted almost entirely to the Gunnery Improvement Program and preparation for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. The OPPE was completed successfully by CHARLES F. ADAMS in July; in late September, the ship again set sail for the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range for the final Operational and Technical Evaluation of the Gunnery Improvement Program. These testing operations continued through October. In November, CHARLES F. ADAMS returned to Mayport for a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection and the Christmas Holidays. The Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection was conducted successfully on 9 and 10 December. This brought the year to a close, with CHARLES F. ADAMS preparing for the upcoming Mediterranean deployment in March 1977.

Enclosure (2)

OFFICERS ON BOARD 31 DECEMBER 1976

CDR Glynn Q. LANE

LCDR Joseph J. HUTTON

LCDR Paul W. ECKER

LT Richard O. SPONHOLZ

LT Stephen B. BUTKUS

LT Oran R. ALEXANDER

LT Theodore A. PYTLIK

LT William L. SHEPPARD

LTJG Bruce D. TYLER

LTJG Blas A. ORTIZ

LTJG Michael T. KEVILLE

LTJG Robert N. SHERRILL

LTJG Clarence A. BOXALL

ENS George A. SIRAGUSA

ENS Paul A. PAPISH

ENS David M. SMITH

ENS Kenneth M. BAIRD

ENS Stephen C. WHITE

CWO-2 Raymond C. TOLAND

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

Weapons Officer

Engineering Officer

Operations Officer

Supply Officer

CIC Officer

Fire Control Officer

MPA

EWO

Gunnery Assistant

Communications Officer

Electrical Officer

Navigator

ASW Officer

Disbursing Officer

DCA

First Lieutenant

Electronics Material Officer

GUNNERY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Installation and check out of EX 68 January 1975 - January 1976 MOD 15 and 5" 54 MOD 10's. April -October 1975 crew training at NOSL and NSWC/DL. 1 February 1976 ADAMS arrives at homeport - Mayport, Florida. February 1976 - March 1976 Local operations from Mayport in JAX OPAREA in preparation for Gun and Missile SQT and REFTRA. 27 March 1976 Depart Mayport for Roosevelt Roads, PR. 6 April - 8 April 1976 Fired 550 rounds in support of Marine Exercises on Vegas Island. 10 April - 12 April 1976 Removed instrumentation for shipment to NEWES where instrumentation program verification can continue without conflict with ADAMS REFTRA. Arrived at GITMO for REFTRA. Only 12 April 1976 three tech reps remained on board to support ship's force maintenance of GFCS (sort of a mini OPEVAL). During REFTRA numerous acquisition, tracking and shooting exercises were conducted for crew training and system qualifications. 300 rds were fired during REFTRA. Completed REFTRA. 14 May 1976 24 May 1976 NGFS qualification at Vegas Island. Ship qualified on first attempt inspite of program problem. 88 rds were fired during NGFS quals. 1 June 1976 Returned to Mayport where instrumentation was reinstalled in preparation for TECHEVAL. ECP's were incorporated into the ship board system to resolve problems which had been identified to date.

TECHEVAL preparations continued.

July 1976

August 76

14 September 1976

17 November 1976

24 November 1976

December 1976

January 1977

February 1977

Pre TECHEVAL operations were carried out in JAX and VACAPES OPAREA's to verify ECP installation performance and patches to system computer operational program. These operations were also used to train crew and tech rep's in procedures to be used for TECHEVAL.

Commence TECHEVAL. TECHEVAL started with another trip to VACAPES OPAREA for tracking exercises with septar, PTF and aircraft. The operations then shifted south to the Atlantic Fleet Weapons range at Roosevelt Roads, PR where extensive testing was performed involving acquisition, tracking and shooting on surface. shore and air targets. The system was pitted against some of the most advanced ECM equipment carried on the EB-47 aircraft. Improvements to the system continued throughout TECHEVAL in the form of hardware ECP's and program patches. 1163 rds were fired during TECHEVAL.

Completed TECHEVAL. Instrumentation removal started immediately and was completed by arrival at Mayport.

Arrived back at Mayport

Holiday

Last of instrumentation interfaces removed from system. ECP's still being installed. New project assigned to ADAMS in support of laser illumination project to test capability of ship board laser to illuminate target for smart projectiles. Preparations for this project were carried out during January.

Laser illumination testing at sea in JAX OPAREA.

Enclosure (3)